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The Prez Sez...

By Nicholas AF6CF



Ho Ho Ho!

We are finally in December and the last month of the year is when we pause to look back and reflect on what we accomplished in the last twelve months as a Club and make plans and dream for a better future.

We had a great Field Day event, a great many speakers and a fantastic auction.

But also, this is the month to celebrate and party. With lots of opportunity drawing prizes, our Club this year went "all out" for the dinner event, subsidizing a good

part of costs. The party was a GREAT event and those who helped make it happen did a very good job.

We had a great speaker (Mike KX6A) that gave us an insight of the Orange County Search and Rescue operations.

Congratulations to AJ W6OTO for winning a well deserved **Good of the Club Award** and to Ken W6KOS for winning the GRAND PRIZE, the Bioenno solar panel, battery and charger set grand prize. The traditional "OCARC Mystery Gift" will remain a mystery, as whoever won it never shared its contents. Finally. Many thanks to Janet KL7MF who led the group of "prize buyers". Many thanks too to those companies and individuals who donated prizes to make sure that almost everyone left the event happy. Even Tim N6GP (Treasurer) was happy to see so many donations and prizes. So much so that he decided to leave the restaurant a generous tip. "A good time was had by all". So HAPPY HOLIDAYS to everybody and we'll see you next year.

73 DE AF6CF

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

**Riley Hollingsworth
K4ZDH
presents**

"ARRL and the FCC"

**January 17th, 2024, at 7pm
at the**

American Red Cross

**Orange County Chapter
Santa Ana, Room 208**

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Saturday, January 4th, 2024

See www.w6ze.org for more info

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Monthly Events

Membership Meetings*

Time: 7:00 PM
When: 3rd Friday of each Month
Red Cross Orange County, Room 208
600 N Parkcenter Dr, Santa Ana
(Replaced by the Christmas Party
in December.)

Board Meetings

First Saturday of each Month
*Board will handle Club business now
IN-PERSON.*

Club Nets (Listen for W6ZE)

10M ~ 28.375 MHz SSB

Wed- 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Net Control: Corey, KE6YHX
Alternate Net Control: AJ, KN6WNO

2M ~ 146.55 MHz Simplex FM

Wed- 8:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Net Control: Corey, KE6YHX
Alternate Net Control: AJ, KN6WNO
Echolink Node: KK6TRC-L

75M ~ 3.883 MHz LSB

Tue @ 8:00 PM
Net Control: Corey, KE6YHX

Other Nets

**Catalina Amateur
Repeater Association (CARA)**
147.090 MHz (+0.600 MHz) No PL
Monday - Friday
9:00AM & 9:00PM
Prg. Director. Tom W6ETC
COME JOIN US

OCARC 2024 DUES:

*Membership period is:
1 January to 31 December*

Individual New or Renewal: \$30
Family New or Renewal: \$45
Teen New or Renewal: \$15

***New Member Dues** are prorated
quarterly and includes a badge:*
Additional Badges¹ \$3

Use one of our interactive online forms
to calculate current prices, join, renew, or
order badges:

<https://www.w6ze.org/FormsShortcut.html>

¹ \$3 or less + mailing. See form.

2024 CHRISTMAS DINNER PHOTOS



Long-time member Dan N6PEQ (C) joined with Tim-N6GP (L) , Tim's wife Edna, VP Janet KL7MF, and Dan's wife Violy.



2024 Prez Nicholas AF6CF is second-from-left, Incoming Prez Dan KI6X is far right. Dan's wife Debbie is sitting next to him.



Ken W6HHC (L), his wife Sandy, Bob AF6C (foreground), Steve N1BKB is seen seated on the right.



The Speaker for the Dinner was Mike Geoghegan KX6A with the Orange County Search and Rescue who are well-trained to save lives.



AJ W6OTO was in charge of the Drawing at the Party. The Board had selected many great prizes.



This year, the Good-Of-The-Club Award was presented to A.J. W6OTO for outstanding services he provided to OCARC



The "Good of the Club Award" is presented annually to the OCARC club member who has made the most significant contribution to the club for the year. In 1997, this annual award was then dedicated to the memory of Kei Yamachika - W6NGO, for his year-after-year contributions in support of club's activities.



Incoming Prez, Dan K16X, accepts the Gavel for 2025 from the out-going President.



Our new Prez for 2025, Dan K16X (L) , hands out director badges for the incoming officers. From left-to-right are Tim N6TMT(Treasurer), Tim N6GP (VP), Joyce Rodman KN6UKJ (Secretary), and A.J. W6OTO (Publicity)



AJ W6OTO presents the Grand Prize, a Solar Battery system from Bioenno.Power to Ken Simpson K6KOS, on right. Ken K8KOS is the club's VEC coordinator for the VE testing team that was formed in 2024.



OCARC Program for January
Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH
on
FCC/ARRL Volunteer Monitoring Program

From 1998 to 2008, the Amateur Radio Service was privileged to have a positive relationship with the FCC in the form of attorney Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, who administered enforcement of our service during that time frame..

After retirement in 2008, Riley became active in the ARRL Atlantic Division, as Vice-Director for a time, but then an opportunity arose he could not refuse: in 2019 he took on administration of the new FCC/ARRL Volunteer Monitoring Program. The program is up and running with over 160 Volunteer Monitors averaging several thousand hours a month listening to our bands to help keep our bands healthy and preserve Amateur Radio's great reputation.

Join us Friday, January 17 of the new year, when Riley joins us live on Zoom from Gettysburg, PA, for more details on the **Volunteer Monitoring Program**.

Remember that
Ham Radio License
VE Testing
is now available.

Just a reminder that the W6ZE Club now offers HAM RADIO license exam testing sessions for new licensees and upgrades at 5:30PM before our regularly scheduled meeting at 7PM. Requests for a seat should be sent to VE Coordinator Ken Simpson, w6kos@w6ze.org, or by calling 714-651-6535. The cost is \$15.

The time for VE testing to begin is at 5:30 pm in Room 213. The OCARC General Meeting begins later at 7 pm at 600 Parkcenter Dr, Room 208, Santa Ana at the American Red Cross building.

Minutes of OCARC General Meeting Nov 15th, 2024

President Nicholas Haban AF6CF and a separate delay for our speaker. When the meeting began as is our custom we proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone in attendance took a moment to introduce themselves. Next, Nicholas announced that the club's December celebration will be on the evening of December 6th. The location will be Mimi's Café in Tustin.

Janet Margelli KL7MF introduced tonight's speaker, Ken Miller K6CTW. Ken presented an excellent program on the history of Morse, Continental and International code, and how they work and how they've evolved. Ken, an operator, very proficient in these codes demonstrated equipment including a sounder board.

Ken KB6CTW is also the ham who received the CW message from Chip Margelli (on the left) at the infamous "SMS vs. CW" contest held on the Jay Leno show. [The video](#) was shown at the meeting.



**Our November guest speaker Ken Miller - K6CTW (on the right).
As they appeared on the Jay Leno show.**

After the break, the meeting continued with club business.

Election of 2025 Board of Directors

A quorum of club officers was in attendance.

The Election of the 2025 board was conducted at the November meeting.

Here are the election results:

President:	KI6X	Dan Violette	Activities:	KE6YHX	Corey Miller
Vice President:	N6GP	Tim Goeppinger	Technical:	KM6SVV	Joe Rodman
Secretary:	KN6UKJ	Joyce Rodman	Public Relations:	W6OTO	AJ Ricci
Treasurer:	N6TMT	Tim Millard	Director at Large	AF6C	Nicholas Haban
Membership:	W6WG	Ron Mudry	Director at Large	KL7MF	Janet Margelli

Good of the Club – Plans are under way for participation in the 2025 Winter Field Day the weekend of January 25th and 26th in Huntington Beach.
The Club Holiday Party is taking place on Dec. 6th. Reservations can be made on the OCARC website.

Motion to Adjourn – made, seconded, and passed



January 25th and 26th, 2025

(**NEW!!** Contest period Saturday 1600 UTC (9:00 am PST) to Sunday 2159 UTC (3:00 pm PST))

Come join the OCARC team for [2025 WINTER FIELD DAY](#). We need everyone to turnout to continue our winning streak and become the highest scoring club for 7 years running.

The event will be held at the **new** Ocean View School District site located at 16662 Trudy Lane in Huntington Beach. The 2025 guidelines can be downloaded from <https://www.winterfieldday.com>

Bands: 80m, 40m, 20m, 15m, 10m, 6m and 2meters

Modes: SSB, CW, Satellite and Digital (no FT4 or FT8).

Points are 1 for Phone QSOs and 2 for CW & Digital QSOs.

NEW!! There are 11 Objectives which are the multipliers (x 26 maximum) for this contest.

If you are interested and need more information contact Ron W6WG by email, W6WG@W6ZE.ORG

**Minutes
of
OCARC Board Meeting
Nov 09 2024**

The OCARC Board meeting was held at The Streamliner Lounge, 186 N. Atchison St., Orange, and called to order by President Nicholas Haban AF6CF at 8:15 am. A quorum of Board Members was in attendance. Member Bob – AF6C was also in attendance

Treasurer report: The total inflows over outflows is \$2,657.

Membership report – the club has 103 members, with 21 new members for 2024.

Secretary—Planner Good of the Club awards suggestions to the President. The first two speakers are lined up for next year.

Publicity—Materials for VE test takers, letting them know about the club.

Newsletter-, Nov - AJ KN6WNO, Dec – Ken W6HHC, Jan – Tim N6TMT, Feb – Ron W6WG

Speakers – Nov – K6CTW & Elections
 Dec – Party Friday, Dec. 6th – KX6A
 Jan – Riley K4ZDH

VE Sessions—Ken Simpson will offer license testing before our November meeting. AJ will create a flyer to advertise the VE sessions.

October Potluck Report – The gathering was a nice success. The CA QSO party was a highlight.

Elections Committee Report – no report

2025 Winter Field Day – The Club will participate at the Huntington Beach location on Jan.25th-26th, 2025.

Next Year's Board - Most Board Positions have at least one candidate.

New business

Auction Report – The club gained about \$1,600, mostly from sales of equipment donated to the club and repurchased by other members.

GOC suggested awardees—The President is looking for suggestions of whom he might consider for the 2024 Good of the Club award.

Christmas Party— Members will be charged \$25 per person for the meal, which will cost closer to \$40 per person with tax and tip. \$1000 will be allotted to prizes. Bob will look into getting the payment process for the dinner to work on the website.

No December Board Meeting—Board members agreed that there should be no December board Meeting since the Christmas party is the night before.

Gene's equipment—Bob has equipment that Gene held for club's use, including an FT-757 loaner radio.

Good of the Club

<http://www.k4vrc.com/verticals.html>

Plans for a flagpole vertical antenna that meets deed restrictions in some HOA communities.

An adjournment was voted on and approved at 9:45 am.

Submitted Tim Millard N6TMT



RadioActivity

December 2024

Upcoming Activities:

DECEMBER

- ***ARRL 10 Meter Contest:** 0000Z Saturday Dec. 14 through 2359Z Sunday Dec. 15.
- **VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest:** 1700Z to 2100Z Wednesday Dec 11
- **ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW:** 1800Z to 2359Z Sunday Dec. 22.

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- **Straight Key Night:** 0000Z – 2359Z January 1
- **ARRL Kids Day:** 1800Z – 2359Z Sat. January 4
- **ARRL RTTY Roundup:** 1800Z Saturday January 4 to 2359Z Sunday January 5.
- ****North American QSO Party / CW:** 1800Z Saturday January 11 to 0559Z Sun. January 12.
- ***ARRL January VHF Contest:** 1900 UTC Saturday Jan 18 to 0359 UTC Mon. January 20.
- ****North American QSO Party / SSB:** 1800Z Saturday January 18 to 0559Z Sun. January 20.
- ***CQ 160 Meter Contest/ CW:** 2200Z Friday January 24 to 2200Z Sunday January 26.
- ***Winter Field Day:** 1600Z Sat. Jan. 25 to 2159Z Sun. January 26.

* Indicates club entries are accepted

** Indicates team entries are accepted

Note: When submitting logs for ARRL Contests indicate your club affiliation as "Orange County ARC"

Repeating Activities:

- **Phone Fry:** Every Tuesday night at 0230Z to 0300Z.
- **SKCC:** Weekend Sprintathon (Straight Key CW) on the first weekend of the month after the 6TH of the month. 1200Z Sat. to 2359Z Sunday.

- **SKCC:** Sprint (Straight Key CW) 0000Z to 0200Z on the 4th Tuesday night (USA) of the month.
- **CWops:** Every Wednesday 1300Z to 1400Z, 1900Z to 2000Z and Thursday 0300Z to 0400Z.
- **K1USN Slow Speed Test:** (CW, 20WPM Max.) Every Friday 2000 UTC to 2100 UTC Every Sunday night at 0000 UTC to 0100 UTC Monday
- **ICWC Medium Speed Test:** (CW, 25WPM Max.) Every Monday 1300 UTC to 1400 UTC 1900 UTC to 2000 UTC and Tuesday 0300 UTC to 0400 UTC

OCARC Club Nets:

- **75 Meter Net:** Every Tuesday night at 8:00 pm to 8:30 pm Local Time. SSB 3.883 MHz
- **10 Meter Net:** Every Wednesday night at 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm Local Time. SSB 28.375 MHz
- **2 Meter Net:** Every Wednesday night at 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm Local Time. FM Simplex 146.55 MHz

Other Nets:

- **Net-AT-9:** Wellness & Support Monday thru Friday 9:00 am and 9:00 pm Local Time 147.090 MHz (+600 MHz) No PL

Other Links:

- [ARRL Contest Calendar](#)
- [VOACAP Online for Ham Radio](#)

Send an email to Ron W6WG, w6wg@w6ze.org to have your favorite activity or your recent RadioActivity listed in next month's column.

? PUZZLER ?

In the October RF the following puzzler appeared:

A rare DX location was coming on the air. The operator was a friend of OCARC and wanted to give a chance for its members to make a contact. So a special coded message was sent to club members, and if they could figure out the code, they'd have an advantage to making a contact. The single DX operator would be operating only on 20M SSB: His operating frequency and expected starting time of the operation was well published. Here is that code message; can you solve it?:

**PORETAOIN TSRAS AHFL OHRU AELRY.
ILTSNENIG PU WTNEYT IKOLYCLCSE.**

If you don't try to solve it, when you read the answer next month you're going to slap your forehead and cry **DOH**, just like Homer Simpson.

The answer wasn't published in the November *RF* because we didn't want the club election or Holiday Party spoiled by people continually crying **DOH!!**

Here's the Answer to the October Puzzler:

To decode the message simply swap the first two letters, then the next two letters until you come to the end of the word. Should the word have an odd number of letters, just leave the last letter as it is.

For example, the first word (9 letters):
PO-RE-TA-OI-N decodes to **OPERATION**

And the second word (6 letters):
TS-RA-ST decodes to **START**

I'll let you decode the rest of the message.

There are five club members who won't be mumbling DOH on occasion during the holidays, and for the first few weeks of 2025. Those who submitted the correct answer to puzzler@w6ze.org are (in alphabetical order):

Nicholas Haban - AF6CF,
Corey Miller - KE6YHX,
Arnie Shatz - N6HC and
Dan Violette - KI6X

Congratulations to these members. Notice that both the incoming and outgoing club presidents are on the list!

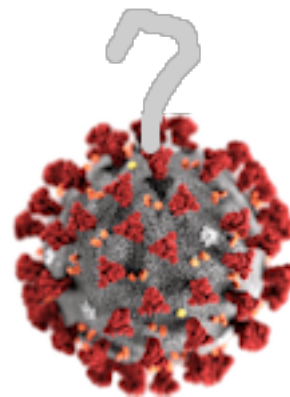
I've recently been scanning ancient *RFs* from the mid-fifties. Many have a Puzzler in them, and they are tough, some requiring a PhD in circuit analysis. Sadly, in the 50s, the later issues rarely publish an answer.

As the Tappet Brothers used to say "*The Puzzler is on Winter Holiday*" You probably won't see her back again until the spring.

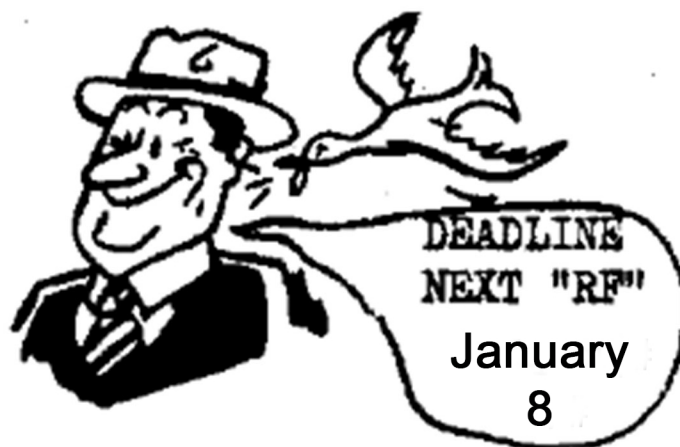
73, from AF6C



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We'll Never Forget This Christmas Ornament



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